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TOWN OF MIDDLETON

*Ira S. Singer**Town Administrator*

October 21, 1993

Mr. Stephen M. Johnson
Section Chief
Site Management Branch
Department of Environmental Protection
Metro Boston/Northeast Regional Office
10 Commerce Way
Woburn, MA 01801

Subject: DEP Case #3-0168, School Street Glue Factory

Dear Mr. Johnson:

On December 4, 1992, you responded to my inquiry of October 1992 regarding the abandonment of the above site and the Town's concern relating to potential contamination from abandoned waste.

You indicated Mary Ellen Stanton from the EPA would encouraged to bring her agency into this matter to pursue actions to remove the threat of future releases from the abandoned waste. To date, we have no formal response from either your office or the EPA regarding this possibility. As time goes on, the Town and neighborhood grow more and more concerned that no one from the federal or state agencies are willing to deal with this issue until such time as an actual release of these suspected abandoned wastes occur. Is there not a mechanism to take aggressive action to prevent this from occurring?

Once again, the Town of Middleton asks for your assistance and prompt attention to this request. All parties should be reminded that this abandoned factory is directly behind Boston Brook which feeds into the Ipswich River, a drinking water supply for 400,000 people in Essex County. Any contamination would also threaten dozens of wells in the northeast quadrant of the Town of Middleton where no public water supply is available.

The Board of Selectmen and I look forward to your response and continuing assistance in this important matter.

Sincerely,



Ira S. Singer
Town Administrator

cc. Board of Selectmen
 Board of Health
 Conservation Commission
 Building Inspector
 Police Chief
 Fire Chief
 John Olmstead, Neighborhood Representative
 Congressman Peter Torkildsen
 Senator Robert Buell
 Senator John Kerry
 Senator Edward Kennedy
 Representative Donna Cuomo
 ✓ Mary Ellen Stanton, Environmental Protection Agency
 Daniel Greenbaum, Commissioner, Department of
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 Salem Evening News
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